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NEA ATHERTON FROM ELIOT

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO SECRETARY'S VISIT: AID MATTERS

1. IT NOW APPEARS THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE OUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE AFGHAN AID SHOPPING LIST TO YOU BEFORE MONDAY. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN FROM THE AFGHANS SINCE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT THE DEATILED INFORMATION WE NEED FOR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. IN FACT, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT SEVERAL OF THE PROPOSALS MADE TO THE SECRETARY WERE NOT BASED ON ANY DETAILED PLANNING OR PROJECT PREPARATION.

2. REGARDING THE TWO PIECES OF PAPER ON ENGINEERING AND AGRICULTURE SHOWN TO THE SECRETARY BY KHURRAM, THEY WERE LIFTED FROM STATE 174205. BEFORE YOU SPANK ANYONE FOR THIS MESSAGE, I THINK I SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE HISTORY OF OUR AID PROGRAM HERE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE AFGHANS NEED A LOT MORE HELP THAN THEY THINK THEY DO ON PROJECT PREPARATION. KHURRAM'S IMPATIENCE WITH THOSE TWO PIECES OF PAPER WAS NOT AN UNUSUAL PHENOMENON. BUT IF WE ARE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE BUILD SENSIBLE PROJECTS AND NOT WHITE ELEPHANTS, WE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO INSIST ON THOROUGH SPADE-WORK. THAT, OF COURSE, DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE CANNOT SPEED UP OUR OWN PROCEDURES AND WE WILL, I AM CERTAIN, CONFIDENTIAL

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BE ASKING FOR YOUR AS WELL AS BOB NOOTER'S HELP IN

THIS REGARD.

3. IT WAS GREAT HAVING YOU HERE. ALL THE BEST.
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